Appendix

Vide Answer to Question No. 61

Total acreage of lands assigned in 1109 and 1110 to the depressed classes and the taluks in which such lands are situated.

Taluks.		*Extent.* A.	C.
Thovala	...	3	93
Kalkulam	...	12	81
Vilavancode	...	8	72
Trivandrum	...	11	36
Nedumangad	...	14	65
Chirayinkil	...	40	64
Kottarakara	...	1	93
Pathanapuram	—	23	29
Kunnathur	...	5	72·5
Mavelikara	...	1	94
Pathanamthitta	...	4	60
Ambalapuzha	...	1	8
Changanachery	...	10	58
Kottayam	...	88	✕
Vaikom	...	1	4
Meenachil	...	13	83
Muvattupuzha	...	21	86·1
Thodupuzha	...	4	3
Kunnathunad	...	18	87
Devicolam	...		47·297
Total	...	289	35·897

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT: I have received notice of an adjournment motion. It reads thus;—

> "I beg to move the adjournment of the business of this House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the serious situation created by the alarmingly menacing turn that the Cholera epidemic has recently taken in Kalkulam taluk and the surrounding areas in South Travancore."

Before I make up my mind, I would like to know what the position is. The Chief Secretary will explain the position.

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I may inform the House that the Government are fully alive to the seriousness of the situation and they have done all that is necessary and possible under the circumstances. They have not stinted expenditure on measures to combat this epidemic. They have sanctioned all the proposals which the Director of Public Health has submitted; and I may assure the House that they will not hesitate to sanction any further proposals which he may send up. I understand that there are about 35 Sub-Assistant Surgeons engaged in carrying on mass inoculation against cholera in South Travancore. Inoculation, I believe, is the most important work to be done when an epidemic like cholera breaks out. The cholera patients are treated; and as a preventive measure, anti-cholera inoculation is being carried on very extensively.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know the area over which this epidemic is prevalent?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Parts of Vilavankod, Kalkulam, Agastiswaram and Tovala Taluks.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): I want the extent of the area?

RAO RAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) I am not able to give the exact area.

I do not think that the time of this House need be taken up for a discussion of this question.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*) I rise to a point of order, whether it is open to the Chief Secretary to say anything about the advisability of the motion. He was asked by the President to make a statement as to the things that are being done.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is my view, Sir. The decision is left to the House.

PRESIDENT: Rather enthusiastic.

RAO SAHIB DR. N KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I may also inform the House, if I am not out of order, that we have to get through a lot of work such as legislative business and discussion on the Debt Redemption Committee Report and of the Public Accounts Committees Report.

If the House is satisfied that the Government are doing whatever is necessary, I only appeal to the House to consider whether it is necessary to discuss this question at this stage. Government are alive to the situation and are doing all that is possible and they will not hesitate to spend any amount required to combat this epidemic.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kallulam II*): May I know from the member how long it is since these thirty-five doctors were deputed?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As soon as the Director of Public Health made the recommendation, Government sanctioned it. When cholera broke out, he first asked for a few additional hands and Government sanctioned them. Afterwards more hands were asked for and they were also sanctioned. So

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there is absolutely no delay on the part of the Government to sanction the staff asked for by the Director of Public Health.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know from the member the date on which these Doctors were appointed?

PRESIDENT: To-day there are 35 men in the field; of course, that obviously means that they would have been appointed from time to time as necessity arose.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know from the member whether, in view of the St. Xavier's Festival in Kottar and the Car Festival at Suchindram, which will come off very shortly and which will attract a large number of people, Government would take some special measures to see that the disease does not spread?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir; Government will do all that is necessary.

PRESIDENT: I think, in the light of the statement which has been made by the Chief Secretary on behalf of Government, it will not be regarded as a matter of urgent public importance of which the Government are not aware or in regard to which any light has got to be thrown for the information of the Government. I do not think that this matter need be taken up for an ajournment motion. If the mover of the motion thinks he has got salutary suggestions to be made, I think Government would be glad to receive them and he will try to communicate them at once to Government.

EXTENSION OF SESSION.

As this is the last official day, I have to re-examine the position in regard to the amount of work already transacted and the bulk of the work which yet remains to be done. This early session of the House was summoned solely for two important purposes, the first being to get through all the kindred pieces of legislation which come under the designation of Labour Legislation which had been hoped to be got through during the last session but somehow it was found not possible. In as much as the Report of the Debt Redemption Committee was also received in the meantime and Government were anxious to obtain the views of the legislature before they could proceed further in arriving at definite conclusions and realising as the Government did—I think that that was a matter which could not brook delay—they decided to place that matter also before the House. But to-day we find neither of these objects has been fully realised. There are still three Bills which come under Labour Legislation which have got to pass their first reading. I assume that the discussion which started yesterday on the Debt Redemption Committee's Report has not yet been completed. Honourable members, I think, will be glad to have another opportunity of discussing the remaining portions of the Report. In view of all these circumstances, I have to consider whether it would be prudent to terminate the House to-morrow as per the original programme and allow the rest of the work to go on to the next session automatically. But in view, as I said, of the importance of these two

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[President.]

items of work before the House, I think it is only right that I should extend the present session by another two days. The session will therefore last for Monday and Tuesday as well. Honourable members are aware that some of the supplementary grants which were placed before them have all not yet been sanctioned by the House. I am assured by the Government that they are very necessary and that they cannot afford to be adjourned to the next session of the House. Therefore the remaining items of the supplementary grants have also to be passed or rejected as the case may be at the present session.

I have therefore fixed a programme for the conduct of the business of the House during those two days—Monday and Tuesday—as well as any time which might perhaps remain unutilised in the afternoon after the discussion of the Public Accounts Committee's Report.

Assuming therefore that there may be some timo avilable this afternoon, the remaining items of supplementary grants will be taken up and disposed of. And Monday and Tuesday will be utilised as official days. In view, however, of some representation that has been made to me by certain non-official members of this House that there is a non-official Bill which is of considerable importance and that if does not reach its finality in the course of this session, there may be danger of its being somewhere drowned, I am prepared to allow that one non-official Bill being taken up on Tuesday, although that is an official day. Therefore the order of the work will be supplementary demands to be taken up to-day if time permits or on Monday if there is no time available to-day; legislative business official, and amongst the legislative business, official, so far as I have scrutinised the list, I find these have got to be taken up:—

1. The Travancore Trade Unions Bill,
2. The Travancore Trade Disputes Bill,
3. The Travancore Ancient Monuments Bill,
4. The Travancore Co-operative Societies Bill,
5. The Travancore Boilers Bill, and
6. The Travancore Registration Regulation Amendment Bill.

And I have been assured by the Law Member that items 1 to 4 are very urgent and that Nos. 5 and 6 are simple and are not expected to take much time. Then there is, as I said, the debate on the Debt Redemption Committee's Report to be continued. Whether it is to be on Monday or on Tuesday it is not possible for me now to say. It will depend npon the progress of work on Monday, and then there is the non-official legislative business which, of course, means the particular Bill which some of the non-official members have pointed out as very important and very urgent *viz.*, the Compensation for Improvements Bill. So then that will be our future work and we will not adjourn until Tuesday afternoon.

We will now take up the discussion of the Public Accounts Committee Report

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